

Asal Chimekee Nepal (ACN)
(The Social Initiative of Pokhara Christian Community)
Flood and Landslide Emergency Response
Appeal for Prayers and Support - September 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters and all Supporters,

With thanks and much appreciation for your continue prayers and support, I am writing here in brief about the condition of the continue heavy rain in the last week of August resulting in devastating landslides on the hills and floods on the plain areas particularly the western part of Nepal. Many families have lost their houses, lands with crops and lost livelihoods. It is sad to see so many families being buried in the landslides. In Terai (plain), particularly in Nawalparasi where we have regular work going on, thousands of families have lost their crops in the floods and their food stock at home as all have been drowned in the water was damaged . COVID-19 pandemic has already been badly affecting lives and monsoon disasters has further worsened the lives of people. The poor and vulnerable communities suffer most the consequences of both the pandemic and the disasters. We have been receiving requests for help from both the local government and the communities we are working with. I am trying to highlight the conditions some of the affected areas, where people plea for help.

Monsoon Disaster - an overview:

The continuous rainfall since the end of August and the first week of September across the country causing flood and landslides affecting additional 11 districts: Myagdi, Rupandehi, Dang, Darchula, Sindhuli, Nawalparasi East, Nawalparasi West, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Udayapur and Mahottari districts. (Reaching a total of 56 districts), which resulted in the increase in human casualties, displacement of people, damage of infrastructure, crops and livestock. Altogether, 80 people (Male 49 and Female 31) have lost their lives, 75 people were injured and 38 people are missing, 5,967 houses were affected (fully destroyed-2,476 and partially destroyed-3,491) due to flood and landslide (drrportal.gov.np (*flood and landslide data from June 15 to August 31, 2021*)).

Flood in Kawasoti, Palhi, Sarawal - Nawalparasi District:

We have been working in Sarwal and from this year the work has been expanded to Palhi Rural Municipality in Community Empowerment, Livelihood and Health Promotion. In the Palhi, we have just formed 20 self-help groups where around 500 women are engaged, among the most backward communities in this municipalities. Being vulnerable to the disasters these communities suffer the most. Our team is in the field and they are acquainted with the real condition of both Sarwal Rural Municipality, Palhi and Kawasoti and they have worked out to collect data together with the relevant Municipalities. In Palhi alone, there are 3315



households highly affected/fully damaged¹. Out of them, there are 328 single women-led families, 165 families with

¹ Lost their houses, food and belongings drowned in water, sanitation - toilets and water damaged by flood, toilets mixed with water, cultivation drowned in water.

disabilities, 450 families with new mothers, 512 families with pregnant mothers, 683 with elderly people, 717 dalits (low-cast), 460 Muslim families.

Likewise in Sarawal - 2310 households are highly affected and 186 houses have been fully damaged and families are displaced. These families who lost their food stock, agriculture in the field, as the level of water overflows, toilets and drinking water sources are damaged and mixed causing problems in hygiene and creating risk of further health problems.

Hupsikot lies on the hill of Nawalprasi where 75 households were severely hit by the number of landslides and 39 families are displaced. They not only lost their livelihoods but also their land in the landslide. Children lost their educational supplies they recently purchased for the new session.

Kawasoti 15 is another area of our work. There is a Mushahar community and 90 households have lost their livelihood in the water. They recently had planted rice and all is badly scorched by the flood. Now their field is totally covered by mud and rubbles. The Mushahar also belong to very backward dalit communities and have very poor living standard. Their living mostly comes from fishing in the Narayani River and cultivate public land for from others from which they receive part of the crops.



Mushahars' rice-field destroyed by flood.

The immediate response needed is for survival with food and other health supplies and educational support to children to help them start their session. Then after, as it is the season to prepare for winter crops, to support them to recover livelihood with provision of seeds and fertilizer together with basic training as well as with health support this includes awareness, provision for the recovery of sanitation. Along with this, intervention on the disaster preparedness is needed for reduction of the impact which would be a sustainable intervention.

Landslide in Parbat District:

During the 1st week of September there were many landslides in Parbat. Kathmandu Post², the national news records the flood incidents as following.

Separate landslides in Parbat district that occurred on Friday (3rd Sept) morning have claimed the lives of 10 people leaving one missing. According to the Gandaki Province Police Office, five people of the same family in Durlung of Kushma Municipality were killed after their house was buried by a landslide. A 38-year-old woman and her six-year-old son died in another landslide that occurred in Silmi of the municipality. The deceased were staying as guests at the house of one Mani Lal Poudel when the landslide buried the house this morning. Another landslide that occurred at around 9am at Pakuwa Talche in the municipality took the lives of a 40-year-old woman and her three-year-old son while another 70-year-old woman has been missing following the natural disaster. In Modi Rural Municipality of the district, a 50-year-old died after being buried by a landslide. Electricity connection has been cut off in the district since Thursday which has affected communications to and from the district. We have our board members directly connected with Durlung and also with other

² <https://kathmandupost.com/gandaki-province/2021/09/03/at-least-10-dead-in-separate-landslides-in-parbat>

locations and we have been regularly in touch with the local government and the local people who have been requesting us for help.

Similarly, in Thadokhola Tanahun, 60 Chepang families were affected by the landslide in June/July. We provided tents and food relief immediately and just last week provided the tin sheets to 10 families who lost their houses and everything in it, for temporary shelter now and later for reconstruction. We have received request for tin sheets support for another 10 households who lost everything in landslide in another ward of the same Bandipur Rural Municipality. Most of them are the church families.



Durlung, Kushma- villagers gathering after a family buried in landslide_(photo ktm post)

Both in Parbat and Tanahun, there are also number of houses affected by landslides. They have lost the monsoon crops and the land for cultivating in the landslides. Some houses have been cracked and families are displaced. The immediate needs for these households are food supplies and tin sheet for temporary shelters and later this can be used for the reconstruction of the houses. As the families belong to very marginalised and backward communities, they need support for recovery of their livelihood with provision and skills (training) for sustainability.

Landslides in Gorkha:

Likewise, in Tanahun, we have been supporting to the landslide affected people in Gorkha (Palungtar ward 1 and 2) - 72 families with immediate food and health supplies and recently provided tin sheets to 4 families who have lost their houses and were displaced. We received from Palungtar Municipality (ward 9) for further support to the 70 families. They are mostly the Christian families and the church leaders who are also post-holders in their respective wards, have been in touch and requests us to help these families who, in addition to covid crisis are going through further hardship.

Planned Response: Depending on the resources available following responses to the needs for floods and landslides survivors have been planned:

Palungtar, Gorkha

1. Beneficiary Households Coverage - 70 (350 people)
2. Support - Food supplies, hygiene supplies and covid safety gear and tarpaulins (200 pcs)
3. Funds required - NPR 875,000 (USD 7500)

Kushma, Parbat District

1. Households Coverage - 10 households - landslide survivors
2. Support - Tin sheets (for temporary shelter now and later to be used for reconstruction)
3. Funds required - NPR 601,000 (USD 5000)

Bandipur, Tanahun District

4. Households Coverage - 10 households - landslide survivors
5. Support - Tin sheets (for temporary shelter now and later to be used for reconstruction)
6. Funds required - NPR 684,000 (USD 5800)

Sarawal and Palhi and Kawasoti - Nawalparasi

1. Beneficiary Households - 1065 and 45 students

- a. 665 households (250 Palhi and 250 Sarawal, 100 Kawasoti - flood survivors and 65 Hupsikot landslide survivor) (3200 people) with food, hygiene and safety gear supplies.
Funds required: NPR 23,63,000 (USD 20,000)
- b. 600 households (300 people) (Sarawal 250, Palhi 250 and Kawasoti 100 with seeds and fertiliser and other agricultural supplies.
Funds required: NPR 21,31,000 (USD 18,000)
- c. 45 Children landslide survivors of Hupsikot - with school stationery and hygiene kits.
Funds require: NPR 129,200 (USD 1100)

Total funds required is NPR 77,85,000 (USD 67,000)

Tentative plan in summary:

1. Receive funding indication - 3-7 days (3rd week of September 2021).
2. Revise budget and plans and share with supporters 2 days (3rd week of September 2021).
3. Get documents from the local government for approval from SWC (3rd week of September).
4. Procurement of supplies (quotations, selection and acquire supplies) 4th week September to 1st week of October 2021.
5. Winter crops training in Nawalparasi - 4th week of Sept to 1st week of October 2021.
6. Handover of supplies 3rd week of Sept to last week of October 2021
7. Monitoring from ACN leadership/Local Government October/November 2021
8. Monitoring from SWC - as per their time.
9. Plan for reconstruction support project (10-20 houses in Tanahun and Parbat).
10. Project closure and reporting December 2021.

Prayer requests:

1. Please pray for the families who have lost their beloved ones. In Durlung, Parbat only the man who was working abroad survived the landslide but his wife, 3 teenage daughters and one son died in the landslide. This is just an example of many such cases. This man is going through grievance period (as per Hindu custom). Pray for God's restoration.
2. Pray for the funds needed to help these people and support them in such terrible hardship.
3. Pray for God's safety to the ACN/PCC leadership and the team in the midst of disasters and pandemic crisis.

Finally, thank you for receiving this appeal letter. Your prayers and support to whatever extend is possible will make a difference in the lives of people suffering at this time. No contribution is small but will significantly contribute to bring hope to the lives who now really need. Please keep praying for God's guidance and strength also to make it happened. Thank God for who has enables us to come together for His Glory.

We are so thankful to all prayer warriors and generous givers, out of their own needs in the midst of such pandemic crisis. Sometimes we receive gifts and we don't who it comes from. For the purpose of government approval, all the funds we receive needs to be identified and it is good for transparency also. Therefore, with humble request below is the link for a form to be filled up. I hope, this will not be a problem.

Should there be anything, please feel free to contact us.

Link for the funding intention:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/iatm90qef3vnmjl/202109%20Funding%20Intention%20Letter%20Format_Monsoon%20Flood%20support.docx?dl=0

Link for the detail budget (as needed):

https://www.dropbox.com/s/2talk73fu0ve7ny/2021%20Aug_Sept%20Flood%20%26%20Landslide%20Relief%20and%20Response%20Project.xlsx?dl=0

In His Service,

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Some Photos:

Nawalparasi flood and its impact:



Parbat landslide and its impact:



Tanahun landslides and its impact



The recent tin sheet and steel rod distribution to the landslide survivors - Shreenathkot, Gorkha



The recent tin sheet and steel rod distribution to the landslide survivors - Chepang households, Tanahun

